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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION -- YUGOSLAV PRESS ON SSOD

1. NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT FOR BELGRADE DAILY BORBA
MAY 22 ECHOES YUGOSLAV EXPECTATIONS FOR THE SSOD IN DISPATCH
ENTITLED "THE BIGGEST MEETING IN HISTORY." AFTER SUMMARIZING
PREPARATIONS AND NEWS DEVELOPMENTS, CORRESPONDENT BOGDAN
DECERMIC ADDS THE FOLLOWING:

2. "IT'S BELIEVED THE US HAS SUPPORTED THE HOLDING OF THE
SPECIAL SESSION FOR THE MOST PART WITH THE INTENT OF LIMITING
THE ACTIVITY OF THE USSR AS A FREQUENT PROPOSER OF MANY
UN DISARMAMENT MEASURES. HOWEVER, AS HAS BEEN SEEN IN
MANY EXAMPLES RAISED, THE US: IS NOT PREPARED TO SUPPORT ALL
THE PROPOSALS OF THE NON-ALIGNED. INSTEAD OF PRESIDENT
CARTER, AS EARLIER UNOFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED, VICE
PRESIDENT MONDALE WILL OUTLINE AMERICAN POSITIONS
AT THE SESSION.

3. "THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN TO A CERTAIN EXTENT
RESERVED, SINCE IT CONTINUES TO THINK THAT THERE
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SHOULD BE A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE...WHICH
THE US AND CHINA ARE OPPOSING."
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